

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A development method conducted by an image formation apparatus including an electrostatic latent image carrier carrying an electrostatic image, and first and second developer carriers respectively carrying a developer at their surface, and facing said electrostatic latent image carrier at a respective developing region, wherein an increasing ratio of development density to increase of potential difference between said first developer carrier and said electrostatic latent image carrier is small, such that it is smaller than the increasing ratio of development density to increase of potential difference between said second developer carrier and said electrostatic latent image carrier, said first developer carrier being disposed upstream of said second developer carrier in a moving direction of said electrostatic latent image carrier, comprising steps of:

forming dots for a low density portion of said electrostatic latent image using said first developer carrier in the region of said increasing ratio of development density to increase of potential difference between said first developer carrier and said electrostatic latent image carrier, and

forming dots for a high density portion of said electrostatic latent image using said second developer in the region of said increasing ratio of development density to increase of potential difference between said second developer carrier and said electrostatic latent image carrier,

wherein an upper limit of said low density portion is defined as an upper limit of said development density at said region where the increasing ratio of development density is small of substantially 0.3, and

wherein said upper limit of said low density portion is a lower limit of a high density portion.